

Wrenwick July 8, 1845.

My dear Sir,

Mr Pierce transmitted to me your letter to him. Mr Oake is undoubtedly absent.

I regret, that you should have given yourself so much trouble. - The Port Folio is undoubtedly most convenient, when the specimen is to be pressed & preserved; but, when the plants are collected on a short excursion to be immediately analysed, the box seems most convenient. I should not have written you, had I not supposed the article was kept on sale.

Mr Swallow has formed a Botanical Society, consisting chiefly of young ladies, of which two of my daughters are members. The society meets weekly one member reads a dissertation upon some subject, assigned at a preceding meeting - Others are required to collect and analyze certain flowers before the society. It was chiefly on their account, that I wanted the box.

I have a Port Folio, made in the form of a bound folio volume; but it does not suit me. The leaves do not lie open well, so as to afford a plane or horizontal surface. Should not narrow pieces of paper or pasteboard be inserted in binding

at the middle of the volume to remedy this evil?

Can you in 5 minutes give me directions for making a convenient port folio? We have a good bookbinder here. - What kind of paper do you employ?

Have you a specimen of the *Rhododendron maximum* of Sebago Pond in Maine? It is the most most northern point at which it has been observed in this State.

Yours respectfully
P. Cleveland

To Prof. Gray.

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To Professor A. Gray

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